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Lawrence Coleman, who was in OSS, brought Kirby Fiske, President of Allied Chemical Corporation, to see me this morning. His company has no close business connections in England, but is thinking of making some. He is on his way to Milan to tangle with my old acquaintance, Marinotti of Snia Viscosa.

E and I lunched today with the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker, at 21 Bryanston Square. Ted Heath was guest of honor. He expressed himself as thoroughly pleased with his American tour, from which he has just returned. The German Ambassador, his wife, and others were there. One of the guests was a Trustee of the Portman Estates, whose holdings include portions, if not all, of the Square. He said in twenty years six members of the Portman family had died. The consequent death duties had forced the Trustees to liquidate large portions of the family holdings. Their last bill had been for eight million pounds.

There is a smallpox scare in England, as a result of outbreaks of the disease, especially amongst arrivals from Pakistan. As my three-year limit had expired, I was vaccinated today, through Navy facilities. They are going to offer vaccination opportunities to members of the Embassy their dependents and servants.

I saw Mr. Peter Rutter this afternoon. He had come over from the Department in connection with a questionnaire asking for the opinions of Embassies in Europe on the furnishing and control of nuclear weapons to our Allies.

I went to see Harold Caccia at his office, for the first time since he assumed his duties. Alex Johnson had written me, asking me to question Harold regarding the impressions made on him during his trip a couple of months ago to Communist China. I summarized my conversation in a letter to Johnson.

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